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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Middle Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, FOREST
GROVE SCHOOL FIELD, Claiborne Parish,
Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

WILL-DRILL PRODUCTION CO., INC. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Middle Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Forest Grove School Field, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana:

1. To redefine the top of the Middle Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Forest Grove School Field, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, insofar and only insofar as to the unit designated MIDD CV RA SUD, which unit is shown on the attached plat, as occurring at the depth of 8,914', measured depth, in the Will-Drill Production Co., Inc.--Hamilton No. 1 Well, located in Section 10, Township 21 North, Range 6 West, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.
2. To confirm and continue in force and effect MIDD CV RA SUD as a drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Middle Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Forest Grove School Field, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, as redefined herein.
3. To authorize Applicant to complete, designate and utilize its Hamilton No. 1 Well, located as shown on the attached plat, as an alternate unit well for MIDD CV RA SUD.
4. To find that designation and use of the Hamilton No. 1 Well as an alternate unit well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Middle Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, underlying MIDD CV RA SUD which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on such unit.

5. To permit the operator of MIDD CV RA SUD to produce the assigned unit allowable from either the unit well, the alternate unit well, or from any combination of such wells, at the option of the operator.

6. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Middle Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Forest Grove School Field, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, is currently defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 815-A, effective September 22, 1987.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Will-Drill Production Co., Inc., 416 Travis Street, Suite 1200, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101. Any person desiring to inspect such data should call Mr. Kem Hargrove at (318) 222-7464 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

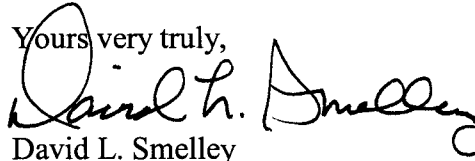
By letter dated May 13, 2005, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set June 6, 2005, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No request for the pre-application conference was received within ten (10) days of the date of the pre-application notice; accordingly, no pre-application conference was held.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of the plat showing the unit affected by this application (which is identical to the plat attached to the pre-application notice) is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Forest Grove School Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

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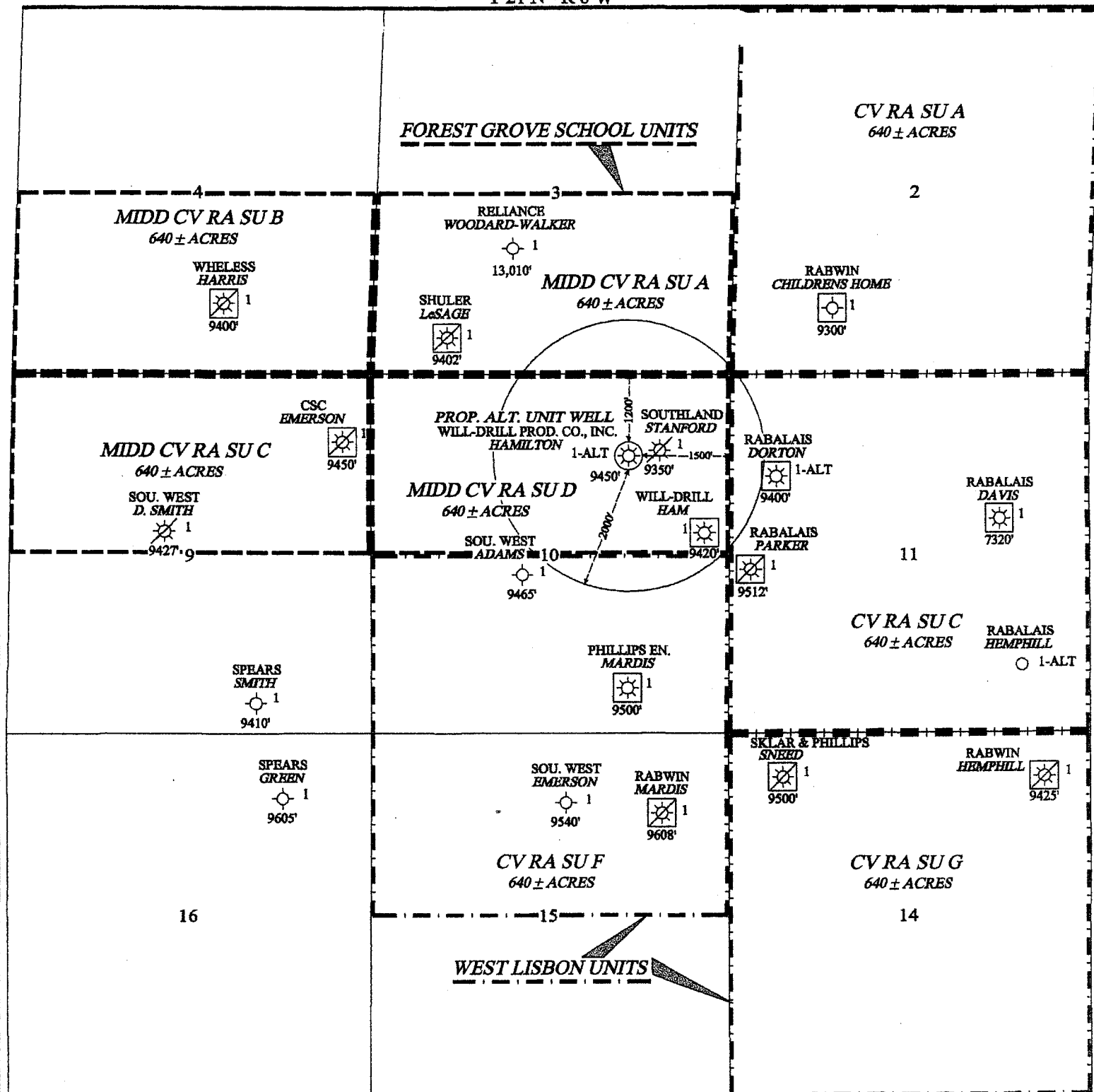
Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,

David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for Will-Drill Production Co., Inc.

DLS:dp
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Kem Hargrove (w/encls.)
Mr. Craig Barclay (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/copy of plat only)

EXHIBIT NO. 1

DOCKET NO. _____

WILL-DRILL PRODUCTION COMPANY, INC.
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

FOREST GROVE SCHOOL FIELD
CLAIBORNE PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL FOR
MIDDLE COTTON VALLEY RESERVOIR A SAND UNIT D



: PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL



: EXISTING UNIT, ALT & SUB. WELL



: EXISTING MIDD CV RA SAND UNITS



: EXISTING CV RA SAND UNITS

0' 1000' 2000' 3000' 4000'

GRAPHIC SCALE